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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: WALTER MUNK AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH IN
OCEANOGRAPHY RELATED TO SOUND AND THE SEA

1. Purpose. To establish subject award for excellence in ocean science research related to sound and the sea.
2. Background. The award is named in honor of Dr. Walter Munk, a pioneer researcher in oceanography. He contributed greatly to the Department of the Navy's knowledge of oceanography and its application to naval operations. It is designed to recognize and reward distinguished achievement related to sound and the sea.
3. Description. The Walter Munk Award consists of a medal struck for the purpose and suitable certificate bearing the signature of the Secretary of the Navy and the President of The Oceanography Society. The award will be presented not more than once per year, in joint sponsorship with The Oceanography Society, to honor a distinguished ocean scientist. The awardee will deliver a guest lecture on a topic of his/her choosing.
4. Criteria for Award. In keeping with Professor Munk's contributions to ocean science, the award will be granted on the basis of:
 - a. Significant original contributions to the understanding of physical ocean processes related to sound in the sea;
 - b. Significant original contributions to the application of acoustic methods to that understanding; and/or
 - c. Outstanding service that fosters research in ocean science and instrumentation contributing to the above.
5. Eligibility. Nomination is open to any scholar meeting the criteria stated in paragraph 4 above.



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6. Responsibilities


a. The Oceanography Society co-sponsors the Walter Munk Award to recognize his outstanding contributions to oceanography and in appreciation of his support to the Society. Accordingly, The Oceanography Society will be responsible for convening the selection panel, ~~designating its chairman~~, selecting recipients based upon that panel's recommendation, preparing an appropriate scheduling the invited lecture(s).

b. The Chief of Naval Research and the Oceanographer of the Navy support the Walter Munk Award to acknowledge continuing appreciation of Dr. Munk's profound contributions to Naval oceanography. The Office of Naval Research and the Oceanographer of the Navy will co-fund design and preparation of the medals, administrative expenses associated with selection and granting, and travel expenses of the recipients to the ceremony and invited lectures associated with the award. They will each provide at least one member to the selection panel, and coordinate with The Oceanography Society to schedule the invited lecture in the Washington, D.C. area.

7. Award Presentation. The award will be presented at the next sequential Scientific Meeting of the Oceanography Society following the recipient selection.

8. Dissemination. It is requested that this instruction be given dissemination and that all personnel be made aware of its provisions.

9. Action. The Office of Naval Research is assigned the responsibility to carry out the Walter Munk Award program and will promulgate, jointly with the Oceanography Society and the Oceanographer of the Navy, detailed rules and procedures for submission of nominations, selections of recipients, and presentation of awards.


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